



RESOLUTION

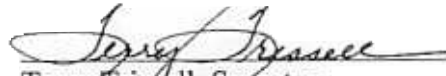
To urge the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to incorporate the Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update (November 2000) into all relevant Section 208 area-wide waste management plans, including the amendment of the draft Blacklick Creek Urban Waste Treatment Management Plan released December 7, 2001, to reflect this incorporation.

- WHEREAS,** The City of Columbus has served for the past twenty-five years (25) as the Designated Management Agency ("DMA") for the Columbus Facility Planning Area ("FPA"). As such, this FPA was approved by both the Ohio EPA and the US EPA, which includes more than the city of Columbus and most of Franklin County; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Columbus, as DMA, has built two centralized wastewater treatment plants that are sized to accept all of the wastewater generated in the FPA; and
- WHEREAS,** Centralized wastewater treatment systems are recognized by the United States Congress under the terms of the Clean Water Act to be the environmentally superior method of wastewater treatment, thereby contributing to an infrastructure that sustains an excellent quality of life in our region; and
- WHEREAS,** Alternative wastewater treatment systems within the FPA, which encourage rapid development of rural lands, would undermine regional planned growth initiatives adopted to sustain healthy growth and economic development within the Greater Columbus region as our population is projected to grow by 300,000 residents over the next twenty (20) years; and
- WHEREAS,** The draft Blacklick Creek Urban Waste Treatment Management Plan released by Ohio EPA on December 7, 2001, permits the use of alternative water systems within the FPA in direct conflict with the Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan which recommends prohibition of alternative systems within the FPA; and
- WHEREAS,** The Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update has gained the endorsement of representatives of over 80% of the population within the FPA, including the City of Bexley, Village of Canal Winchester, City of Columbus, City of Dublin, City of Gahanna, City of Grove City, Village of Groveport, City of Hilliard, Village of New Albany, Village of Obetz, City of Pickerington, Village of Riverlea, Village of Shawness Hills, City of Upper Arlington, City of Westerville, Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District, Fairfield County and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1. That the Board of Directors of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce does hereby urge the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to incorporate the Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update (November 2000) into all relevant section 208 area-wide waste management plans, including the amendment of the draft Blacklick Creek Urban Waste Treatment Management Plan released December 7, 2001, to reflect this incorporation.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the Board be directed to forward duly certified copies of this Resolution to Governor Bob Taft, Ohio EPA Director Christopher Jones, and to the Ohio State Senate and Ohio House of Representatives members representing Central Ohio.


Terry Trissell, Secretary
January 11, 2002